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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, I think...I've served on the Revenue Committee most of my time in the Legislature, and what I've discovered over the years is we have very, very, very narrow sales tax bases. And I think last year, with LB 1085, we broadened it and we taxed installation labor. And I think what we're trying to do with this is to address part of that with one of the parts of this because what I've been told my mainly people that repair automobiles is that this part is...they tax on this and this thing, and so I think what we're really trying to do with this part of it is we're trying to expand our sales tax base. But also I think we kind of clarify some things that we did last year. And I think I want to have you call to your thing, the orange sheet that Senator Brashear called out...handed out is that I think his idea with doing this, and I think...and I supported this in the Revenue Committee, was that this is what is done in three of our neighboring states. I think that's...and so that, it's new to us here and there's lots of questions raised about it, but it's been done with other states with this taxation. So I simply rise to support the amendment as it is, because if we're going to have a sales tax base, we've got to get it broader than it is right now. And I think it is kind of difficult and I hope the Department of Revenue, rather than...will have meetings. I don't think they did last year with when they write their rules and regs, if this gets passed. But I think the approach that Senator Brashear is...with this bill is that he has looked at what other states have done, in our neighboring states, and that we are trying to adopt some of that what they do in other states. And if Senator Schrock would like some time, I would give the rest of my time to Senator Schrock.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, you have about two and a half minutes.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, those of us involved in agriculture have always complained about the property tax burden in Nebraska, and you know that it's higher than other states around us. I think we should give Senator Brashear and Senator Landis a lot of leeway here, work